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SENATOR PILES SPEAKS FOR US

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ditions of American affairs, and we maintain that that is a matter of national concern.

As you gentlemen will recall, in the messages of the President for the last four years, I think the President in each recurring message has spoken of the Americanization of Hawaii. Now as to whether or not the Hawaiian Islands are entitled to the very modest representation to which the gentlemen have asked this appropriation—I understand it is \$25,000—I am advised it has not been asked down because of any lack of importance of Hawaii, but because of the present situation and the necessity of cutting down the expenditure bill.

Gentlemen, the speakers who have preceded me have called your attention to the fact that Alaska, since its acquisition in 1867—that is, forty years ago—has paid into the government in revenues approximately \$11,000,000. When you look at the vast area of Alaska and then look at the little dots comparatively speaking, of Hawaii I am all the more pleased to be able to state that in the ten years or less than ten years, that Hawaii has been part of the United States government we have contributed approximately \$10,000,000 to the Federal Treasury. Now, in view of that fact, and in view of these tremendous payments—I say tremendous because they are tremendous, relatively speaking; they are larger per capita payment than those of any State in the Union, I believe—I think we are not asking too much.

The Chairman. In what form is that payment made?
Mr. McClellan. In customs revenue chiefly; also in internal revenues.
Mr. Higgins. Is that over and above all expenses?

Mr. McClellan. That is the gross payment. I think the Government expenditure there has run, roughly speaking, \$150,000 a year.
The Chairman. Does that include harbor improvement?

Mr. McClellan. That does not include river and harbor improvements.
Mr. Nelson. Fortifications, etc.?

Mr. McClellan. We have not acquired any so far. Ten years after the annexation of Hawaii we have not a single gun mounted for the defense of the Hawaiian Islands.

The Chairman. I understand you to say that Hawaii has collected \$10,000,000 gross?

Mr. McClellan. Yes, sir.
Mr. Legare. You have a surplus of over \$7,000,000?

Mr. McClellan. Yes, sir.
The Chairman. Is that on goods that remain in the islands?

Mr. McClellan. Yes, sir; and I want to call attention as long as you are speaking on that subject, to the fact that that is a distinct contribution to the general one that we make through the port of Chicago, Boston, New York and elsewhere. We buy from this country anywhere from \$15,000,000 to \$25,000,000 worth a year and pay cash for goods on which customs duties have been paid at these eastern ports, so we are making our indirect contributions to the Treasury through those channels; but in addition to this indirect contribution that we make, we are paying one million and a quarter dollars into the Treasury direct.

Mr. Howell. Was any appropriation made for the Hawaiian exhibit at the Lewis and Clark and the Jamestown expositions similar to this that is being asked for now?

Mr. McClellan. There was not, that I heard of.
Mr. Howell. So far as you know, no appropriation has been made for a peculiarly Hawaiian exhibit?

Mr. McClellan. We made our own. This is the first request that has been made on the part of Hawaii.

Mr. Kahanalanaole. She has had them, but she always paid for them herself.

The Chairman. The Territorial treasury?
Mr. McClellan. Yes, sir. I think, in view of the fact that Hawaii has been for ten years an integral part of this country and is making these very large contributions to the National Treasury—tremendous contributions in view of her size and population and in view of the importance to us of some practical results in the way of a larger American population—that it would be sound business policy to see to it that Hawaii has adequate representation.

The Chairman. You think that this \$25,000, if we gave it for the purpose of this exposition at Seattle, to pay for your part of the show, would be of great value to you for advertising purposes?

Mr. McClellan. For advertising it among the American people; yes, sir.
The Chairman. Suppose we should give you \$25,000 for the advertising purposes and save \$675,000 that they are asking beside, could you not do better advertising with the \$25,000 than taking part in that exposition?

Mr. McClellan. That has not been our idea. We are expending our own money in that direction; we are expending considerable sums in advertising our resources through the United States.

The Chairman. Would you not rather spend it that way than to spend it in taking part in this exposition at Seattle?

Mr. McClellan. No, sir. We are doing that work already.

Mr. Higgins. Just what do you contemplate would be the exhibit of the Hawaiian Islands in this exposition?

Mr. McClellan. I think the main exhibit our people would try to bring forward would be the rubber cultivation that is being undertaken, and tobacco culture.

Mr. Higgins. Just how could you do

that? You would not bring the land there and raise those agricultural products there that you have referred to?
Mr. McClellan. Well, suppose we should bring, as we can bring, 10,000 pineapples there and have those exhibited as the pineapples that we raise and sell there.

Mr. Higgins. The best in the world, there is no doubt about that.

Mr. McClellan. The best in the world, and have other samples of fruit there and have a man in charge of those exhibits who could talk to the people who came there about the character and prices of land in Hawaii. We should, of course, at our own expense, provide pamphlets stating the prices of land there, and I think for this means would make a very good showing as to what the islands are.

Mr. Nelson. It is not quite likely that a great many people who would go from the East to the exposition would sail over to Hawaii and visit it personally?

Mr. McClellan. We would hope that would be the case. We want to have as many American citizens as possible come to the islands so that they will be more familiar with the islands. Of course we would be very glad and are endeavoring to work up a tourist business, and we are doing that as far as American shipping conditions will permit. We are almost cut off from the mainland through lack of steamship service at present, but we want to make as many extensions in that direction as possible.

I have not said anything about the sugar industry, which is, of course, our main industry, because Judge Hatch, who is present, is more familiar with that particular feature than I am and he can speak to you about it.

The Chairman. You say that the Hawaiian people are spending money in advertising and exploiting the islands in this country?

Mr. McClellan. Yes, sir.
The Chairman. Are those same people going to subscribe to this exposition at Seattle?

Mr. McClellan. Nothing of that sort has been done; no, sir.

The Chairman. Is there any intention of doing it?

Mr. McClellan. I am not prepared to vouch for them.

The Chairman. Presumably you can expend money by advertising in your own way better than by subscribing to that exposition, can you?

Mr. McClellan. I do not think your presumption applies. Our people have been doing that for the last three years. That is a regular established institution, and we will continue to do that.

The Chairman. Would you rather put the \$25,000 in this exposition or have new light-houses and river and harbor improvements?

Mr. McClellan. I do not know that I am prepared to answer that offhand. I would say to you that Hawaii, from its relation to the United States territory, is entitled to both.

The Chairman. But suppose Congress says it is hard up and you can only have one or the other, how do you feel about it?

Mr. McClellan. We want to be represented at this exposition.

The Chairman. You would prefer it to the river and harbor improvements?

Mr. McClellan. Harbor improvements and light-houses in Hawaii are for the benefit of the nation's export commerce; we ask representation in this exposition for our own benefit.

Mr. Legare. I do not think there is any chance of a river and harbor appropriation.

The Chairman. We are all familiar with the argument that customs inspectors' salaries in New York should be raised because New York has collected so much in payments. You know that is not sound reasoning?

Mr. McClellan. You will readily concede that comparisons between a great importing point like New York and the other ports of the United States is not a fair basis of comparison with a port like Honolulu, that that uses all of the goods on which tariff duties are paid.

The Chairman. I do; I concede it. Mr. McClellan. And the importance of the Hawaiian Islands is her strategic importance. The importance of the development of those harbors as related to the export commerce of this country has begun to be appreciated, and I take pleasure in saying that the Rivers and Harbors Committee has been one of the first committees of this Congress to recognize the importance of Hawaii with reference to the United States, and its value in an international sense and not as a mere local territory.

Mr. Higgins. I think the Fortifications Committee will be the next to recognize it.

Mr. McClellan. I think that will be the case.
Statement of F. M. Hatch, representing the Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu.—Mr. Hatch. Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the committee, I wish to heartily endorse all that Mr. McClellan has said, and to further remark that we contend that this exposition would not be in any sense complete unless it was able to point out to everyone the importance of the trade of the Pacific. Secretary Taft made that very plain today and it seemed to me he covered it quite generally.

Now, the trade of the Pacific can not be represented unless the trade of Hawaii is represented and unless the importance of that trade is represented. We are here to do our little part. I say that prospective of the aid you give Hawaii, we intend to do our little share toward being represented at this exposition and joining with our friends on the coast and on Puget Sound. Our trade relations have not commenced scarcely with that region. Our trade relations have been almost entirely confined to the port of San Francisco, but we can see a great future to the trade of

Hawaii through the development of Puget Sound, and I think it is no asking very much of this committee to make this small appropriation to help along a cause in the interest not only locally in Hawaii, but the country as a country, and if I might answer a question that was asked Mr. McClellan, if he did not consider the light houses constructed by the Government in Hawaii a gift to Hawaii, I would say that it has been money expended in permanence of national education, to light the coast of this country as a nation, and not as an isolated gift. I might say in addition that our local legislature meets only once in two years; its next session will be in March, 1909, so it is rather late to ask that the legislature make the appropriation.

The Chairman. When did it adjourn?
Mr. Hatch. Last March.

The Chairman. March, 1907?

Mr. Hatch. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. And will not meet again until March, 1909?

Mr. Hatch. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. How long did they stay in session?

Mr. Hatch. They are limited by the law to sixty days. They generally call an extra session.

The Chairman. But there was an

movement made in the last session to adjourn it?

Mr. Hatch. I think not.
Mr. Board. I will say to the committee that I look that matter up with Governor Carter, and the legislative assembly and they had no answer.

Mr. Hatch. I do not think they could see the importance of it. I know, however, that the treasury is quite hard up for money, so far as the treasury is concerned.

The Chairman. Have you consulted Governor Carter about this matter?

Mr. Hatch. No, sir; he is no longer governor. Governor Foster is our governor. I have not consulted the governor of the Territory about it, but I think I can not say too much when I say that the Territory is extremely interested in this exposition and desires to be represented there and to do the part toward making it complete and demonstrating the importance of the trade on the Pacific Ocean. We stand on the ground, as Secretary Taft pointed out, that one of the great features of this exposition is to demonstrate the importance of the enterprise in that particular.

I thank you, gentlemen.

MORE MOONSHINERS.

Two Kauai moonshiners were brought to Honolulu yesterday morning and

lodged in the Oahu House by Deputy Marshal Harry Wilson after being taken up after their last week. One of the moonshiners, named Ah He, said the other is a Hawaiian named John Kaka. It is understood that they have been operating the still for about a year. With the pressure was brought on yesterday the still they were arrested of operating and a lot of moon. The moon who had been arrested by Sheriff Hoo who located the still while the Deputy Marshal took into custody the moonshiners.

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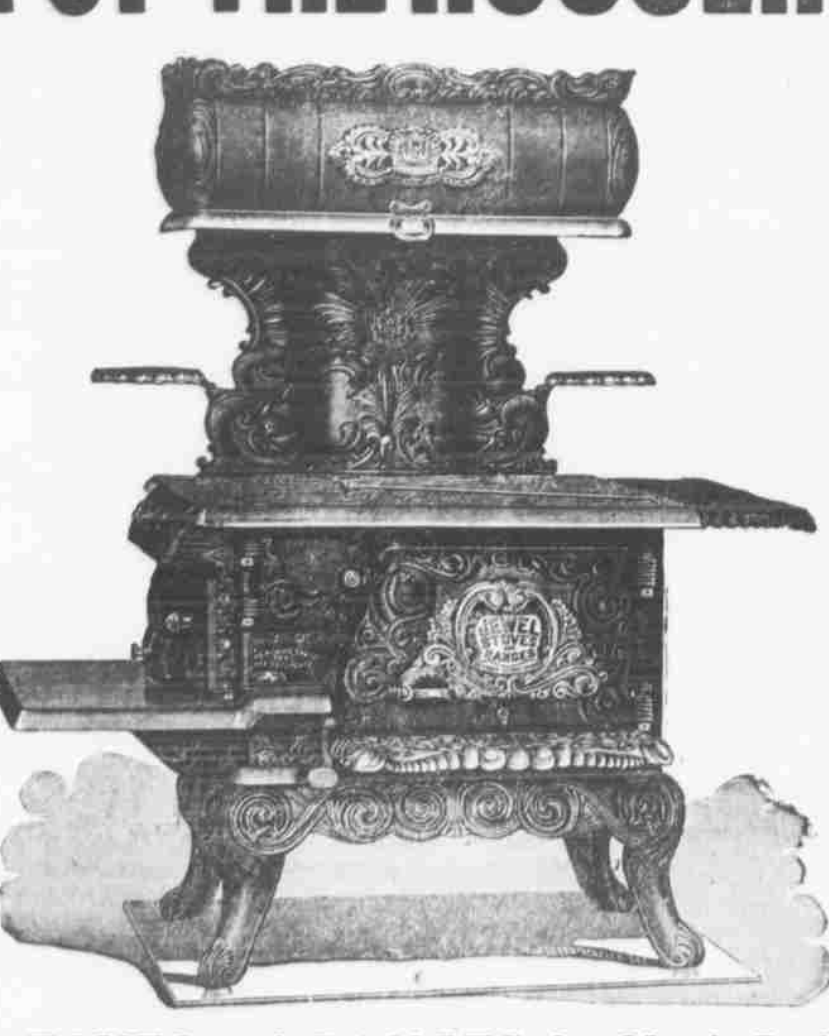
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